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Wisconsin Voters Approve Marsy's Law

Crime Victim Rights Amendment Clears Final Hurdle

MADISON – Wisconsin voters overwhelmingly approved Marsy's Law, an amendment to Wisconsin's State Constitution providing rights to crime victims. The amendment was authored by Rep. Todd Novak (Dodgeville) and Sen. Van Wanggaard (Racine).

"Wisconsin has a proud tradition of protecting victims' rights," said Novak. "I am pleased to see voters across Wisconsin chose to continue this tradition today."

Wisconsin now joins Pennsylvania, Nevada, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Ohio, California, Illinois, North Dakota, and South Dakota in passing Marsy's Law.

Marsy's law builds upon and strengthens existing constitutional rights for victims while elevating rights currently in state statute to the state constitution. These rights include the right to be treated with dignity and respect, the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay, and the right to reasonable and timely notification of proceedings.

"Since I first introduced this amendment in 2017, I have heard from victims across our state asking to be heard, said Novak." "The rights now enshrined in our state constitution will ensure that they are not forgotten," said Novak.

Marsy's Law has earned nearly 400 endorsements from service organizations, law enforcement leaders, and leaders in our criminal justice system including Attorney General Josh Kaul and former Attorney General Brad Schimel. Iowa County Sheriff Steve Michek, Green County Sheriff Jeff Skatrud, Lafayette County Sheriff Reg Gill, and Sauk County Sheriff Chip Meister join a long list of Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Police Chiefs, and retired law enforcement in their support for this amendment.

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